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### GOVERNMENT CODE

TITLE 2. Government of the State of California
DIVISION 3. Executive Department
PART 1. State Departments and Agencies
CHAPTER 4.5. Administrative Adjudication: General Provisions
ARTICLE 8. Language Assistance

Cal Gov Code § 11435.40 (2002)

## § 11435.40. Designation of languages for certification

- (a) The State Personnel Board shall designate the languages for which certification shall be established under Sections 11435.30 and 11435.35. The languages designated shall include, but not be limited to, Spanish, Tagalog, Arabic, Cantonese, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, and Vietnamese until the State Personnel Board finds that there is an insufficient need for interpreting assistance in these languages.
  - (b) The language designations shall be based on the following:
- (1) The language needs of non- English -speaking persons appearing before the administrative agencies, as determined by consultation with the agencies.
  - (2) The cost of developing a language examination.
  - (3) The availability of experts needed to develop a language examination.
  - (4) Other information the board deems relevant.

## **HISTORY:**

Added Stats 1995 ch 938 § 21 (SB 523), operative July 1, 1997.

### EDITOR'S NOTES:

For operation of chapter, see Gov C § 11400.10.

For operation of act, see the 1995 Note following Gov C § 11435.10.

### NOTES:

**SOFFICIAL COMMENT:** 

## LAW REVISION COMMISSION COMMENTS:

1995--Section 11435.40 continues former subdivision (g) of Section 11513 without substantive change.

## COLLATERAL REFERENCES:

Cal Forms Pl & Practice (Matthew Bender) ch 473 "Public Agency Adjudication".

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HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE
DIVISION 2. Licensing Provisions
CHAPTER 2. Health Facilities
ARTICLE 1. General

Cal Health & Saf Code § 1259 (2001)

§ 1259. General acute care hospitals; Interpreters and bilingual professional staff

(a) The Legislature finds and declares that California is becoming a land of people whose languages and cultures give the state a global quality. The Legislature further finds and declares that access to basic health care services is the right of every resident of the state, and that access to information regarding basic health care services is an essential element of that right.

Therefore, it is the intent of the Legislature that where language or communication barriers exist between patients and the staff of any general acute care hospital, arrangements shall be made for interpreters or bilingual professional staff to ensure adequate and speedy communication between patients and staff.

- (b) As used in this section:
- (1) "Interpreter" means a person fluent in English and in the necessary second language, who can accurately speak, read, and readily interpret the necessary second language, or a person who can accurately sign and read sign language. Interpreters shall have the ability to translate the names of body parts and to describe competently symptoms and injuries in both languages. Interpreters may include members of the medical or professional staff.
  - (2) "Language or communication barriers" means:
- (A) With respect to spoken language, barriers which are experienced by individuals who are limited-English-speaking or non-English-speaking individuals who speak the same primary language and who comprise at least 5 percent of the population of the geographical area served by the hospital or of the actual spatient population of the hospital. In cases of dispute, the state department shall determine, based on objective data, whether the 5 percent population

standard applies to a given hospital.

- (B) With respect to sign language, barriers which are experienced by individuals who are deaf and whose primary language is sign language.
- (c) To ensure access to health care information and services for limited-English -speaking or non- English -speaking residents and deaf residents, licensed general acute care hospitals shall:
- (1) Review existing policies regarding interpreters for patients with limited- English proficiency and for patients who are deaf, including the availability of staff to act as interpreters.
- (2) Adopt and review annually a policy for providing language assistance services to patients with language or communication barriers. The policy shall include procedures for providing, to the extent possible, as determined by the hospital, the use of an interpreter whenever a language or communication barrier exists, except where the patient, after being informed of the availability of the interpreter service, chooses to use a family member or friend who volunteers to interpret. The procedures shall be designed to maximize efficient use of interpreters and minimize delays in providing interpreters to patients. The procedures shall ensure, to the extent possible, as determined by the hospital, that interpreters are available, either on the premises or accessible by telephone, 24 hours a day. The hospital shall annually transmit to the state department a copy of the updated policy and shall include a description of its efforts to ensure adequate and speedy communication between patients with language or communication barriers and staff.
- (3) Develop, and post in conspicuous locations, notices that advise patients and their families of the availability of interpreters, the procedure for obtaining an interpreter and the telephone numbers where complaints may be filed concerning interpreter service problems, including, but not limited to, a T.D.D. number for the hearing impaired. The notices shall be posted, at a minimum, in the emergency room, the admitting area, the entrance, and in outpatient areas. Notices shall inform patients that interpreter services are available upon request, shall list the languages for which interpreter services are available, shall instruct patients to direct complaints regarding interpreter services to the state department, and shall provide the local address and telephone number of the state department, including, but not limited to, a T.D.D. number for the hearing impaired.
- (4) Identify and record a patient's primary language and dialect on one or more of the following: patient medical chart, hospital bracelet, bedside notice, or nursing card.
- (5) Prepare and maintain as needed a list of interpreters who have been identified as proficient in sign language and in the languages of the population of the geographical area serviced who have the ability to translate the names of body parts, injuries, and symptoms.
- (6) Notify employees of the hospital's commitment to provide interpreters to all patients who request them.
- § (7) Review all standardized written forms, waivers, documents, and

informational materials available to patients upon admission to determine which to translate into languages other than English.

- (8) Consider providing its nonbilingual staff with standardized picture and phrase sheets for use in routine communications with patients who have language or communication barriers.
- (9) Consider developing community liaison groups to enable the hospital and the limited- English -speaking and deaf communities to ensure the adequacy of the interpreter services.
- (d) Noncompliance with this section shall be reportable to licensing authorities.
  - (e) Section 1290 shall not apply to this section.

## HISTORY:

Added Stats 1990 ch 672 § 1, (SB 1840).

## NOTES:

## FORMER SECTIONS:

Former § 1259, relating to arrangements to overcome language barriers and report to legislature, was added Stats 1983 ch 734 § 1, and repealed, operative January 1, 1990, by its own terms.

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TITLE 34. HUMAN SERVICES; JUVENILE CODE; CORRECTIONS CHAPTER 409. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES HEALTH CARE INTERPRETERS

## ORS § 409.621 (2001)

409.621. Testing, qualification and certification standards for health care interpreters.

The Oregon Council on Health Care Interpreters shall work in cooperation with the Department of Human Services to:

- (1) Develop testing, qualification and certification standards for health care interpreters for persons with limited English proficiency.
- (2) Coordinate with other states to develop and implement educational and testing programs for health care interpreters.
- (3) Examine operational and funding issues, including but not limited to the feasibility of developing a central registry and annual subscription mechanism for health care interpreters.
- (4) Do all other acts as shall be necessary or appropriate under the provisions of ORS 409.615 to 409.623.

HISTORY: 2001 c.903 § 4

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TITLE 34. HUMAN SERVICES; JUVENILE CODE; CORRECTIONS CHAPTER 409. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
HEALTH CARE INTERPRETERS

## ORS § 409.623 (2001)

- 409.623. Rules on procedures for testing, qualification and certification of health care interpreters.
- (1) In consultation with the Oregon Council on Health Care Interpreters, the Department of Human Services shall by rule establish procedures for testing, qualification and certification of health care interpreters for persons with limited English proficiency, including but not limited to:
- (a) Minimum standards for qualification and certification as a health care interpreter, including:
- (A) Oral and written language skills in English and in the language for which health care interpreter qualification or certification is granted; and
- (B) Formal education or training in medical terminology, anatomy and physiology, and medical ethics;
- (b) Categories of expertise of health care interpreters based on the English and non-English skills and the medical terminology skills of the person seeking qualification or certification;
- (c) Procedures for receiving applications and for examining applicants for qualification or certification;
  - (d) The content and administration of required examinations;
- (e) The requirements and procedures for reciprocity of qualification and certification for health care interpreters qualified or certified in another state or territory of the United States; and
- (f) Fees for application, examination, initial issuance, renewal and reciprocal acceptance of qualification or certification as a health care interpreter and for other fees deemed necessary by the department.
- (2) Any person seeking qualification or certification as a health care interpreter must submit an application to the department. If the applicant meets

the requirements for qualification or certification established by the department under this section, the department shall issue an annual certificate of qualification or a certification to the health care interpreter. The department shall collect a fee for the issuance of the certificate of qualification or the certification and for any required examinations in the amount established pursuant to subsection (1) of this section.

- (3) The department shall work with other states to develop educational and testing programs and procedures for the qualification and certification of health care interpreters.
- (4) In addition to the requirements for qualification established under subsection (1) of this section, a person may be qualified as a health care interpreter only if the person:
- (a) Is able to fluently interpret or translate the dialect, slang or specialized vocabulary of the non-English language for which qualification is sought,
- (b) Has had at least 60 hours of health care interpreter training that includes anatomy and physiology and concepts of medical interpretation; and
- (c) Has had practical experience as an intern with a practicing health care interpreter.
- (5) A person may not use the title of "qualified health care interpreter" unless the person has met the requirements for qualification established under subsections (1) and (4) of this section and has been issued a valid certificate of qualification by the department.
- (6) In addition to the requirements for certification established under subsection (1) of this section, a person may be certified as a health care interpreter only if:
- (a) The person has met all the requirements established under subsection (4) of this section; and
- (b) The person has passed written and oral examinations required by the department in English, in the non-English language the person wishes to translate and in medical terminology.
- (7) A person may not use the title of "certified health care interpreter" unless the person has met the requirements for certification established under subsections (1) and (6) of this section and has been issued a valid certification by the department.

HISTORY: 2001 c.903 § 5

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## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

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## **EQUAL ACCESS TO SERVICES**

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING EQUAL ACCESS TO CITY SERVICES AND PROGRAMS BY REQUIRING CITY DEPARTMENTS TO OFFER BILINGUAL SERVICES AND MATERIALS IF A SUBSTANTIAL PORTION OF THE PUBLIC UTILIZING CITY SERVICES DOES NOT SPEAK ENGLISH EFFECTIVELY BECAUSE IT IS NOT THEIR PRIMARY LANGUAGE

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to establish a form of government that is truly inclusive of all its residents, and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland is committed to the delivery of effective, courteous and responsive services, and

WHEREAS, California Government Code Section 7290, also known as the Dymally-Altorre Bilingual Services Act, requires that every local public agency serving a substantial number of non-English speaking people, employ a sufficient number of qualified bilingual persons in public contact positions, and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds and determines that the public safety, health, convenience, comfort, property, and general welfare will be furthered by the provisions of this Ordinance which establishes standards and procedures with respect to access to City programs and services by residents who are not fluent in English, now therefore,

## THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Findings and Purpose. The Oakland City Council hereby finds and declares that substantial numbers of persons who live, work, and pay taxes in Oakland are unable to communicate effectively in English because their primary language is not English. It is of paramount importance that all residents regardless of their proficiency in English have access to City programs and services. This Ordinance establishes standards and procedures for providing equal access to city services and programs to all Oaklanders, including those with limited proficiency in English. This Ordinance is consistent with and supplements California's Dymally-Alatorre Bilingual Services Act, Government Code 7290 et seq., which requires state and local public agencies serving a substantial number of limited English-speaking people to provide services and materials in the language(s) spoken by those persons.

Section 2. Chapter 2.30 "Equal Access to Services" is added to the Oakland Municipal Code to read as follows:

## **CHAPTER 2.30**

## **EQUAL ACCESS TO SERVICES**

- Sec 2.30.010 Title
- Sec 2.30.020 Definitions
- Sec 2.30.030 Equal Access to Services
- Sec 2.30.040 Bilingual Staffing
- Sec 2.30.050 Translation of Materials
- Sec 2.30.060 Dissemination of Translated Materials from the State and Federal Government
- Sec 2.30.070 Contracting Organizations
- Sec 2.30.080 Public Meetings and Hearings
- Sec 2.30.090 Recorded Telephonic Messages
- Sec 2.30.100 Complaint Procedures
- Sec 2.30.120 Compliance Plans
- Sec 2.30.130 Recruitment
- Sec 2.30.140 Monitoring and Structure
- Sec 2.30.150 Rules and Regulations
- Sec 2.30.160 Enforcement
- Sec 2.30.170 Severability

SEC. 2.30.010 TITLE. This chapter shall be known as the "Equal Access to Services Ordinance".

**SEC. 2.30.020 Definitions.** As used in this Chapter, the following capitalized terms shall have the following meanings:

- (a) "Agency" shall mean any of the following: Community and Economic Development Agency, Financial Services Agency, Fire Services Agency, Life Enrichment Agency, Police Services Agency, Public Works Agency, Office of Retirement and Risk Assessment, Office of Personnel Resource Management, Office of Information Technology, Office of Arts and Cultural Affairs, Office of the City Attorney, Office of the City Auditor, Office of the City Clerk, Office of the City Council, Office of the City Manager, Office of the Mayor, Port of Oakland and such other agencies as the City Manager may designate.
- (b) "Bilingual Employee" shall mean a City employee who is proficient in the English language and a language other than English that is spoken by not less than 10,000 Limited English Speaking Persons who are Oakland residents.
- (c) "City" shall mean the City of Oakland.
- (d) "Substantial Number of Limited English Speaking Persons Group" or "Group" shall mean at least 10,000 limited English speaking City residents who speak a shared language other than English. The City Planning Department shall determine annually whether at least 10,000 limited English speaking City residents speak a shared language other than English by referring to the best available data from the United States Census Burcau or another reliable source and shall certify its determination to the City Manager no later than December 1 of each year.
- (e) "Contracting Organization" shall mean any public service organization or firm that receives City funds to provide services on behalf of the City.
- (f) "Departments" shall mean both Tier 1 Departments and Tier 2 Departments."
- (g) "Limited English Speaking Person" shall mean an individual who does not speak English well or is otherwise unable to communicate effectively in English because English

## Kunkel, Mark

To: Subject: McAdams, Nancy Language interpreters

I apologize for the delay in getting back to you.

Although some states require certification or licensure of persons who provide interpretation services for the deaf and hard of hearing. I haven't found any state that requires certification or licensure of persons who provide interpretation services for non-English speakers.

However, Wisconsin and many other states require interpreters for non-English speakers who appear in court or before administrative agencies. In addition, California requires hospitals to arrange for interpreters or bilingual staff for non-English speakers who comprise at least 5% of the population of the geographic area served by the hospital. See Cal. Health & Safety Code, s. 1259. The California law does not specify the types of arrangements that must be made. Instead, the law requires hospitals to adopt policies for such arrangements. In addition, Oregon requires a state agency to promulgate rules for certifying health care interpreters for persons with limited English proficiency. See ORS s. 409.623. However, the Oregon law isn't very clear on the circumstances under which interpreters must be provided. Instead, the law states that health care must provided in accordance with federal guidance adopted by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (a policy statement dated Aug. 30, 2000) and in accordance with an Oregon Patients' Bill of Rights.

If you want me to draft a bill, you should consider the following questions. Do you want to require certain institutions to have interpreters available? What languages must interpreters be available for? Do you prefer an approach similar to California's (i.e., languages of at least 5% of the population served by the institution)? What institutions should provide interpreters, just hospitals or health care facilities, or are there other facilities (such as financial institutions) that must provide interpreters? Also, which state agency should certify or license interpreters or otherwise be in charge of making sure that the law is carried out? The Department of Regulation and Licensing might be appropriate. That agency licenses a broad variety of professions and occupations. I'm not so sure that DHFS or DPI would be appropriate. DHFS has expertise in health care matters, not language proficiency. DPI also doesn't have the expertise. In addition, you would be expanding DPI's authority to cover institutions other than schools. If you decide that the Department of Regulation and Licensing is appropriate, you could also require that agency to consult with language proficiency experts, or even DHFS, when it promulgates rules on certification.

I will give you a call today to discuss these issues.

Mark D. Kunkel Legislative Attorney Legislative Reference Bureau (608) 266-0131

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## COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE INTERPRETER TRAINING (CHIT)

Professional Training for Medical Interpreters Meeting the health care needs of a diverse community

driven program administered by Health Promotion Council. Its Community Healthcare Interpreter Training is a community goals are:

- To improve the quality of healthcare for limited English speaking health care consumers
- program for interpreters who work in health care settings. To provide a high quality and standardized training

## About the training

health care, cultural frameworks in interpreting, communication students. The course covers: interpreting skills, information on skills for advocacy, and professional development. It provides students with a handbook, medical glossaries, culture-specific CHIT is a 32-hour training scheduled to meet the needs of materials, a guide to medications and a certificate of completion.

Our philosophy of medical interpretation

facilitate understanding in communication between people who CHIT follows the interpreter training model established by the known experts in medical interpreter training. This philosophy Cross Cultural Health Care of Seattle, Washington, nationally states that the basic purpose of the medical interpreter is to are speaking different languages. The interpreter must play different roles depending on the needs of the client:

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For information about fees, scheduled trainings or to register for the next course, contact Health Promotion Council at (215) 731-6193 or email <u>latino@phmc.org</u>.

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CHIT follows the interpreter training model established by the Cross Cultural Health Care of Seattle, Washington, nationally known experts in medical interpreter training. This philosophy states that the basic purpose of the medical interpreter is to facilitate understanding in communication between people who are speaking different languages. The interpreter must play different roles depending on the needs of the client:

- Provide literal interpretation
- Clarify concepts and terms that have no linguistic equivalent
  - Provide a cultural framework for understanding the message;
- Advocate on behalf of the patient if needs are not being met due to a systemic barrier. The most appropriate role for the interpreter is the least invasive role that will assure effective communication and care. (Paraphrased from Bridging the Gap: A Basic Training for Medical Interpreters. Cross Cultural Health Care Program, Seattle).

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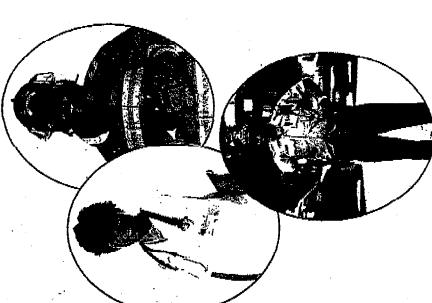
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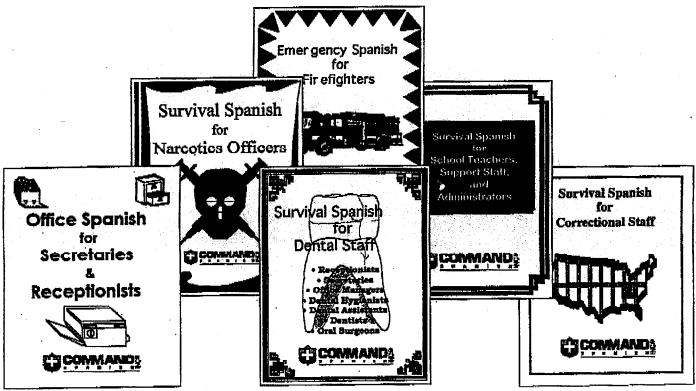
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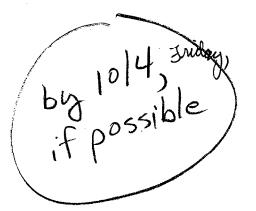


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2003 BILL

AN ACT ...; relating to: certifying foreign language interpreters, granting

rule-making authority, and providing a penalty.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill prohibits a person from representing that he or she is a "Wisconsin certified foreign language interpreter", or using such a title, unless he or she is granted a certificate by the Department of Regulation and Licensing (DRL). However, the bill does not prohibit a person without a certificate from interpreting foreign languages, provided that he or she does not make the prohibited representation or use the prohibited title. The bill requires DRL to promulgate rules that establish the education, competency, or training requirements that a person must satisfy to be granted a certificate. The requirements must ensure that a person who is certified is competent to facilitate communication between non-English speakers and providers of goods and services.

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SECTION 1. 440.08 (2) (a) 35g. of the statutes is created to read:

440.08 (2) (a) 35g. Foreign language interpreter, Wisconsin registered: July 1 of each odd-numbered year \$53.

SECTION 2. Subchapter VI of chapter 440 [precedes 440.70] of the statutes is created to read:

## CHAPTER 440

## SUBCHAPTER VI

## WISCONSIN CERTIFIED

## FOREIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS

## 440.70 Definitions. In this subchapter:

- (1) "Non-English speaker" means a person whose primary language is not English and who is unable to communicate in English or has limited proficiency in English.
- (2) "Wisconsin certified foreign language interpreter" means a person certified as a Wisconsin certified foreign language interpreter under this subchapter.
- 440.71 Use of title. No person may use the title "Wisconsin certified foreign language interpreter" use any title or description that implies that he or she is a Wisconsin certified foreign language interpreter, or represent himself or herself to be a Wisconsin certified foreign language interpreter unless the person is granted a certificate under this subchapter.

1	440.72 Certification. (1) The department shall grant a person a certificate
2	as a Wisconsin certified foreign language interpreter for one or more languages
3	specified in rules promulgated under s. 440.73 (1) if the person does all of the
4	following:
5	(a) Submits an application for the certificate to the department on a form
6	provided by the department.
7	(b) Pays the fee specified in s. 440.05 (1).
8	(c) Subject to ss. 111.321, 111.322 and 111.335, submits evidence satisfactory
9	to the department that he or she does not have an arrest or conviction record.
10	(d) Submits evidence satisfactory to the department that he or she satisfies the
11	requirements established in rules promulgated under s. 440.73.
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- (d) Engaged in conduct while providing foreign language interpretation services that evidences a lack of knowledge or ability to apply interpretation principles or skills.
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## SECTION 3. Effective date.

(1) This act takes effect on the first day of the 7th month beginning after publication.

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## DRAFTER'S NOTE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

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Representative Turner:

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- 5. Is the penalty (\$500 per violation) okay? Penalty amounts for other credentials issued by DRL vary widely, so I chose an amount that is on the low end of the scale.

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October 2, 2002

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## Kunkel, Mark

From:

McAdams, Nancy

Sent:

Tuesday, October 29, 2002 11:09 AM

To:

Kunkel, Mark

Subject:

LRB 0012/1 Changes

## Dear Mark:

Enclosed are answers to the questions you asked Rep. Turner about the above draft:

1. OK to leave the question of which languages up to the Department of Regulation & Licensing, except that Spanish must be included.

2. Nothing about the level of education shall be mentioned. "Goods and Services" is ok phrase for describing interpreting functions. No limitations as to certain types of interactions. No charge necessary

3. Grounds for discipline--please use standard boilerplate for other types of certifications.

4. Renewal fee of \$53 or whatever DRL budget prescribes is fine.

5. \$500 penalty for violations is ok.

no charge

No change

One important point that has not been included is the question of confidentiality. Please include a provision that hinders the interpreter from discussing the conversations with anyone other than the person for whom they were employed to interpret. There should be a penalty of some type--do you think only a fine or some higher level like a misdemeanor?

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**2003 BILL** 

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## 2003–2004 DRAFTING INSERT FROM THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

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In addition, the bill requires a person who is granted a certificate to keep confidential any communication that he or she facilitates between a non-English speaker and a provider of goods and services, unless the non-English speaker specifically authorizes disclosure. However, the bill does not create an evidentiary privilege for such a communication. Therefore, unless another evidentiary privilege applies to a communication, a person who is granted a certificate may be required to disclose the communication in a judicial or administrative proceeding.

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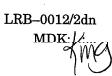
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## DRAFTER'S NOTE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU



## Representative Turner:

(civil penalty)

This version is identical to the previous version, except that it includes a duty for an interpreter to keep communications confidential. As drafted, there are 2 exceptions to this duty.

First, the non-English speaker for whom the interpreter provides services may authorize the interpreter to disclose a communication.

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## Barman, Mike

From:

Kunkel, Mark

Sent:

Wednesday, December 04, 2002 9:49 AM

To:

Barman, Mike

Subject:

FW: LRB-0012/2, Certification of Foreign Language

Mike: can you take care of this?

Thanks,

-- Mark

----Original Message-----

From:

Rep.Turner

Sent:

Wednesday, November 27, 2002 8:53 AM

To:

Kunkel, Mark

Subject: LRB-0012/3

LRB-0012/2, Certification of Foreign Language

Dear Mark:

Please jacket the above-referenced bill for introduction. Thank you.

Robert L. Turner STATE REPRESENTATIVE